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Governor Praises DOC Employee for Innovative Idea: Hopes to Implement Statewide

Betty Hundley, Personnel Manager at the Boonville Correctional Center (BCC) received an Award for Distinction from Governor Jay Nixon during a recognition ceremony held at the Capitol. Hundley's idea to use electronic certified mail for letters required to be sent via certified mail caught the Governor's attention for its efficiency and cost saving benefits. The current cost is \$2.15 for each piece of certified mail sent with a return original receipt. To send a document with an electronic receipt, the cost is \$.85. Along with improved cost, the change will make available electronically the status of the item, if it has been picked up, if it is not delivered, and record of an electronic signature.

The Boonville Correctional Center has been using this new process and estimates they will save \$700.00 annually. Other DOC worksites are encouraged to utilize the new system. Plans to expand the program to other agencies across the state are in the works.



Personnel Manager Betty Hundley (BCC) pictured right, next to Governor Jay Nixon.



Earls Appointed FRDC Warden

Alan Earls has been appointed as Warden at Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center (FRDC) in Fulton, Missouri. Earls, who served most recently as the Assistant to the DAI Director at Central Office, began his career with the Department in 1987 as a Corrections Officer I at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was promoted to Corrections Caseworker II at the Fulton Reception & Diagnostic Center. He transferred to Central Office in 1994. In 1996, Mr. Earls was promoted to Functional Unit Manager at the Tipton Correctional Center. He was promoted to Assistant Warden at the Central Missouri Correctional Center in 1997. Mr. Earls was then appointed to Deputy Warden at Tipton Correctional Center in April 2003. In January 2008, he was named Assistant to the DAI Director in Central Office.

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Message from the Director



Welcome to the first electronic edition of the Horizon! I am genuinely elated to be bridging our past communication success with some new tools and ideas for what I hope will be a successful, current, and inspiring way to communicate. We have a large department and a wide range of supporting roles and responsibilities. We protect the public both inside our prison walls and in our communities using a variety of talented staff and successful tools. It is my hope that through this more frequent and more current publication, every employee in the department will begin to understand the value of each role and that through this discovery process we open new communication channels and better ways of doing our business.

In addition to electronic communication being more rapid and more current, it is also less costly. We have always been a department that seeks out how we can accomplish our tasks with the fewest resources. I would ask that you continue that quest and forward your thoughts about how we can do better. To me, the brightest part of working with this department is you - the quality people I have the privilege of leading. As I travel the state visiting parole offices and institutions, I am convinced that there cannot be a more dedicated, knowledgeable, competent corrections cadre in any other jurisdiction in this country. We may be in challenging times, but there is no other group I would rather work with to meet those challenges.

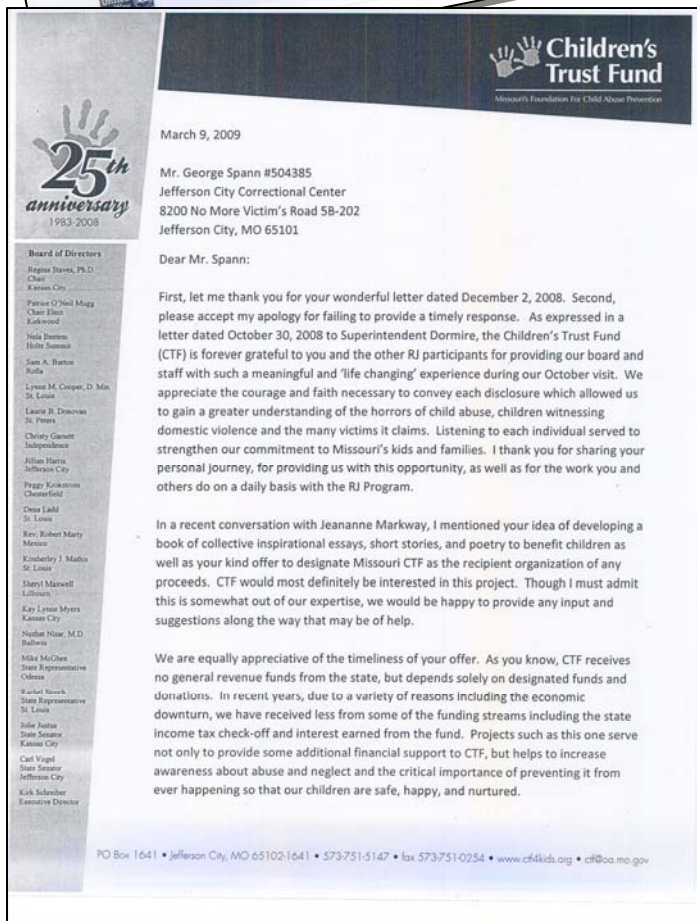
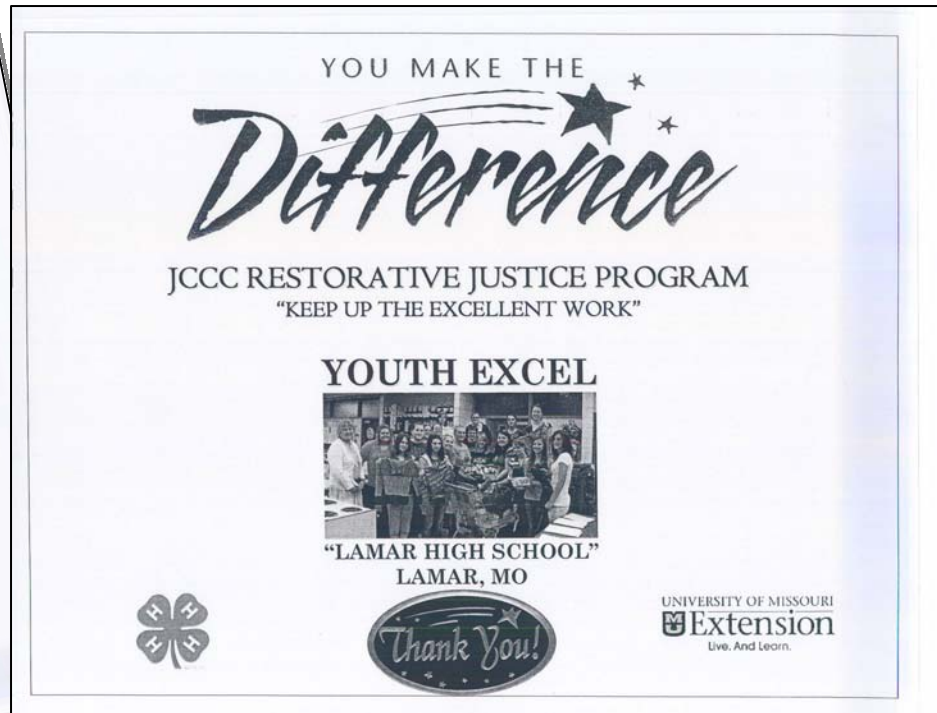
In order to lend focus to how I expect us to professionally meet our challenges, I have worked with our executive team to revise our department mission, vision and values. I encourage you to review the section highlighting this new direction. Our values, when demonstrated, show what we are about and how we go about accomplishing our mission. As we work on our mission, it is my vision that we would achieve a safer Missouri through our work and our partnerships. As we fulfill our professional goals, I hope that we are making significant differences in the lives of our offenders so that public safety is enhanced, victimization is interdicted and as a result, the respect for our profession is heightened.

I am so proud to be a part of this incredible department again, and I look forward to working with you as we continue to soar to a safer Missouri and the highest standards of excellence in criminal justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Gurley". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light gray background.

The department's Restorative Justice initiative encourages offenders to reflect on the harm caused by their criminal acts. Engaging in good works while confined, especially those that benefit society's neediest citizens, is a significant way for offenders to make reparation for their crimes.



Governor Thanks DOC Employees for Ice Storm Assistance

The ice has melted but the recovery efforts of several Department of Corrections employees during the January 2009 ice storm have not been forgotten.

Governor Jay Nixon held a ceremony to recognize members of the Department of Corrections and Office of Administration for going above and beyond the call of duty to aid Missourians in the southeast part of the state, who were hit the hardest by the winter storms. Some worked numerous hours of overtime in treacherous conditions, distributing generators, bottled water and other supplies to area shelters and warming centers.

Randy Scrivner, logistics section chief for State Emergency Management, says, "This effort turned the tide for dozens of public water systems, hospitals, shelters, nursing homes and other essential public services."



Several employees worked 24 hour shifts, sleeping at Southeast Correctional Center and in their vehicles. With most stores and gas stations closed, staff worked to provide meals and clothing to each other.

"The hard work of these individuals simply stemmed from a desire to help their neighbors who were suffering from a terrible storm...these outstanding heroes deserve recognition for saving lives and significantly reducing suffering," says Scrivner.

Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Each year DOC staff from around the state participate in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run and fundraising to support the department's charity. This year the department had 93 staff members and 24 members of the community join together in the run. Moberly Correctional Center took top honors in the department for the number of participants and most donations. A survey by the Public Information Office shows that to-date, DOC has raised \$22,036.50 for Special Olympics.

EARLS continued

"Mr. Earls is an innovative and forward-thinking administrator. He has been a tremendous asset to the Division of Adult Institutions and I am pleased that he has accepted the position as warden of the Fulton Reception & Diagnostic Center," **DAI Director Tom Clements** told the Horizon.

Earls says his appointment as warden has been a career aspiration and the confidence given to him by Clements and Director Lombardi is humbling.

"I am looking forward to partnering with the staff in Fulton to further our contribution to the department's commitment to properly assess offenders, assigning them to facilities based upon their needs and rehabilitating them for their release," Earls told the Horizon. "I look forward to the challenge of running a multimillion dollar facility and ensuring the safety of our staff, offenders and the public during this process."

Potosi Correctional Center Turns 20

Past and present corrections employees came from around the state to celebrate two decades of excellence at Potosi Correctional Center.

Members of the Missouri General Assembly presented a resolution marking the occasion and **Director George Lombardi** spoke to the crowd, thanking staff for their hard work and dedication.

During the celebration, attendees took a walk down memory lane as a video montage played showing how the institution has progressed since its opening in 1989. “Then” and “Now” images commemorated 33 PCC employees who are celebrating 20 years of service at the facility.



(Pictured left to right) Representative John (J.C.) Kuessner, Representative Belinda Harris, Warden Don Roper, and Representative Linda Fischer.

System Improvements Make Cents

The numbers tell the story; changes to the offender trust accounting system are already proving to be successful for the Offender Finance Office (OFO). A new automated debt collection system which increases efficiency is leading to big collections. In 2008, OFO collected nearly \$2.9 million. That compares to \$1.7 million in 2007 when the time consuming manual collection process was in place. The OFO collects for the following debt types: cost awards, child support, canteen reimbursement, destruction of state property, state & federal filing fees, general revenue reimbursement, inmate revolving fund, cell reimbursement, crime victim compensation, and work maintenance.

PCC Inmate Saves Girl from Drowning

While on trash detail along the beach at Washington State Park, the crew heard someone calling for help. Offender Kristopher Hatcher ran in the direction of the person calling for help. A young girl had fallen into the rain-swollen river and was being pulled down stream by the strong current. Offender Hatcher dove into the river and started swimming towards the girl to assist her. When he was close enough, the young girl grabbed onto Hatcher, almost pulling him under. Struggling against the current, Offender Hatcher successfully brought the girl to land.

Offender Hatcher, 32, from St. Charles County, entered the Missouri Department of Corrections August 6, 1998 to begin serving a five year sentence. He has a current presumptive parole date of August 2, 2009.

OUR MISSION

The Missouri Department of Corrections supervises and provides rehabilitative services to adult offenders in correctional institutions and Missouri communities to enhance public safety.

OUR VISION

A Safer Missouri and the Standard of Excellence in Corrections

We desire to be the standard of excellence in the field of corrections. Through innovation and collaboration, we want to embrace changes that better serve Missouri communities impacted by criminal behavior and achieve a safer State.

OUR VALUES

Staff

Our people are important. We value their safety and security. We value their input as subject matter experts. We will be proactive in the recruitment, retention and promotion of qualified personnel. We recognize the importance of professional development and strive to offer opportunities for career advancement. We desire to build a diverse team of individuals who achieve great things together.

Offender Success

We believe in the ability of people to change. We value the opportunity to work with offenders in our institutions and our communities and to provide them with the tools necessary to become productive, tax-paying, law-abiding citizens. We strive to be firm, fair, and consistent in our institutional management and use effective and appropriate supervision strategies in our communities.

Accountability

Accountability to each other and all Missourians is a key value for the department. We strive to create a transparent system of operations that embraces integrity and accountability. Staff is accountable to each other for safety and security and for the continuous improvement of our department. As a department, we are accountable for how we plan, measure, and manage our work as well as what we achieve with the resources we are given. We value investment in programs that are accountable through evidence-based information. Offenders are accountable for the crimes they have committed and for completing their sentence established by the courts.

Restored Communities

We value our Missouri families and communities that are affected by crime and the role we play in restoring them. We value the rights of crime victims and the role of restorative justice. We value the use of collaborative partnerships to enhance public safety by facilitating effective probation, crime prevention, reduction of recidivism and the provision of reentry services. We strive to work with offenders to repair harms done, and restore the communities to which many will return.

SOAR to a Safer Missouri and The Standard of Excellence!

Crime Victims Rights Week

“25 Years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act”

In 1984 Congress passed the Victims of Crime Act, creating the Crime Victims Fund, financed not by taxpayers but by fines and penalties paid by offenders. In 25 years, the fund has grown from \$68 million to more than \$2 billion and is disbursed throughout the nation each year.

Women’s Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center

In honor of Crime Victims’ Week blankets made at WERDCC were presented to the Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services and My Life Crisis Center. Vandalia resident, Virginia Howdeshell, gave the victim’s statement telling about the murder of her son. She praised the Crime Victim’s Service. Songs and poems were performed by current inmates along with an appearance by the WERDCC choir.

South Central Correctional Center

Fundraising efforts included a “Denim Day” where staff could wear jeans and hats to work by making a small donation. Flags in honor of victims were purchased with the donations. The flags were placed in the garden which was the site of a ceremony attended by city officials. A donation was also made to a local shelter.

Fulton Reception & Diagnostic Center

FRDC partnered with several local agencies to conduct a tree planting ceremony in remembrance of all victims. Victim speakers shared their stories with the crowd and a “balloon release” symbolizing the release of the past capped off the event.

Jefferson City Correctional Center



A ceremony was attended by 34 victims, 150 inmates and 30 DOC staff. Offenders were able to creatively express their appreciation to the victims through music, song, poetry, speeches and marching routines. Victims used the ceremony as a forum to express their personal growth, which they attribute to the restorative efforts of the Department of Corrections.

Inmates in the Restorative Justice program made a replica of the victims’ memorial (*pictured left*) and a quilt that will be displayed at the 2010 quilt show in Ballwin, Missouri.

Chillicothe Correctional Center

To mark the occasion, a ribbon ceremony was held at the Livingston County Courthouse. Different colored bows were placed on the “Peoples’ Tree,” each bow representing a different crime. Mayor Chuck Haney signed a proclamation marking the week. A flagstone, which was donated, was painted by offender volunteers and placed at the Crime Victims’ Memorial site in Danner Park. Throughout the week staff collected food items to be donated to the local women’s shelter.

Western Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center

Events at this location included a memorial service, attended by several victim families. Family members tied blue ribbons around trees, and released balloons, in remembrance of their loved ones who have lost their lives. Staff were educated on the trend of cyber crime and all offenders watched a victim impact DVD.

Farmington Correctional Center

Offenders with Restorative Justice made a new sign to place at the front entrance of the facility featuring this year’s theme. A check for \$735.11 was presented to “A Friend’s Place” for domestic violence, along with other items donated by employees. The week closed with a ceremony, attended by many community leaders, and a balloon release.

Algoa Correctional Center

For the first time at ACC, victims, staff and offenders gathered together. Victim Service Coordinator, **Kay Crockett**, addressed the audience and music was provided by offenders at ACC. Victims left with a journal in the hopes that their stories would live on. Forty-two balloons were released honoring the victims involved with the Impact of Crime on Victims program. Fundraising efforts included a “Denim Day”, raising money for the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center located in Jefferson City and a stuffed animal collection for child victims.

Western Missouri Correctional Center / Crossroads Correctional Center

Reverend James Stanfield-Myers was shot point blank in the chest when he was 19 years old and his perpetrator was never caught. This year he turned 40 and spoke about the incident for the first time at WMCC/CCC’s Crime Victims’ Rights Week ceremony. Donations were made by staff for the local women’s shelter.

Missouri Eastern Correctional Center

Staff raised more than \$1500.00 for Loving Hearts Outreach, an organization that provides services to victims in Washington County. A competition was held between the corrections classification assistants and caseworkers to see who could raise the most. The groups held a bake sale, pie throw, perimeter walk and nacho/potato bar. Custody staff, including **Deputy Warden Michael Layden** (*pictured right*), shaved their heads for money. **Captain Sam Billingsley** (*pictured left*) and **Captain Chris Walls** issued a challenge to staff that they would each wear a dress if donations climbed to four digits.



Southeast Correctional Center

Staff put together a public service campaign addressing elder abuse, domestic violence and other crimes.

Potosi Correctional Center

Each year PCC and District 36-Probation and Parole join forces to commemorate the Crime Victim’s Rights week. Several speakers addressed a crowd including a local victim who spoke of the upcoming anniversary of the murder of her father and a close family friend and the attempted murder of her mother and sister. July 2009 marked the 50th year of this tragic event. Those in attendance found her recollection most interesting due in part to a lot of residents of this area remembers the incident.

Maryville Treatment Center

Maryville Mayor Chad Jackson read a proclamation about National Crime Victims’ Rights Week and encouraged citizens of Maryville to commit individual and collective resources in helping victims of crime and supporting victims’ service programs. Brenda Neff, mother of three-year-old Abrielle Neff who died from injuries received in a vehicle accident, spoke about the Abrielle Neff Foundation and Abby’s Hugs. “We don’t look at ourselves as victims, but essentially our family is a survivor of crime and the Abrielle Neff Foundation is the positive outcome of it,” Neff explained.

Moberly Correctional Center

MCC along with members of Probation and Parole observed Crime Victim’s Rights Week with a ceremony at Renick Elementary School. Offenders in the Restorative Justice program made bookcases, planters and a chest to donate to the Renick School, Safe Passage and the Randolph County Victim Advocacy Office.

Northeast Correctional Center

The institution held a ceremony at the court house and had a local person whose sister was murdered as the guest speaker. There was live music performed by the victim’s nephew who wrote a song for a ceremony.

Probation and Parole – Region 1

The Board of Probation and Parole, Region 1 in partnership with the Crime Victim Advocacy Center of St. Louis organized the 5th annual trivia night. Each district office contributed a themed basket for the silent auction. Through registration, raffles, games, cash donations and more than 160 businesses and individuals who donated to the silent auction, over \$15,000 was raised to provide direct services to victims of crime in the St. Louis area.

Probation and Parole – Region 2

Activities included a food drive for several local charities, a balloon release and several walks in honor of victims. Margie Wolfer from Parents of Murdered Children spoke at one celebration. She lost 4 of her family members to homicide.

Probation and Parole – Region 3

Staff wore ribbons honoring victims and ordered t-shirts. Profits from t-shirt sales were donated to the Children's Center of Southwest Missouri. The charity also received proceeds from the sale of a cookbook. Department of Corrections staff, area courts, and members of local law enforcement all donated recipes. Staff in District #21 attended a food festival featuring several local restaurants. More than \$5,000 was raised for repairs and remodeling at the women's shelter.

Probation and Parole – Region 4

Districts participated in commemorative walks, ceremonies and luncheons. A stuffed animal collection was donated to Highway Patrol General Headquarters in Jefferson City for distribution among law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Probation and Parole – Region 5

Staff donated items for the women's shelter in Bonne Terre and hosted a fundraising luncheon and raffle, which raised more than \$900 for the new Children's Advocacy Center in Farmington, Missouri. Many districts held ceremonies and planted memorial gardens.

Probation and Parole – Region 6

A large metal angel was placed in the city flower garden in memory of R.D. and Tiny Shepard and Steve Ford. All were victims of murder in Saline County. The annual pancake breakfast was attended by Department of Corrections' staff.

Kansas City Community Release Center

KCCRC dedicated a garden to victims of crime. They had a number of districts attend and gave certificates of appreciation to the offenders who were involved with taking care of the gardening activities.

St. Louis Community Release Center

The center raised more than \$1000 by running a car wash and barbecue, along with a parking lot sale. The funds were donated to Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Crime Victims Advocacy Center.

Retirement



After 34 years of service to the Department of Corrections, Chairman of the Board of Probation and Parole **Steve Long** retired. Mr. Long's tenure with the Department began in March 1975 at the Moberly Correctional Center. During his time with the Department, Long wore many hats. Starting as a Corrections Officer I at MCC, he quickly progressed to be a Teacher, Caseworker, Casework Supervisor and eventually Superintendent at four different facilities. In 1986 Long was named Assistant Director in the Division of Adult Institutions, a position he held for two decades. In 2006, Long found a new calling as Director of the Division of Offender Rehabilitative Services. From there he was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Probation and Parole.

June brought along three more retirements from Missouri Eastern Correctional Center: **Mary Merseal**, Librarian II; **Fred Thompson**, Labor Supervisor; and **Donna Isgriggs**, Storekeeper I.

Director **George Lombardi** thanks all of these retirees for their years of service to the department.

Honors staff that intervene in serious Lifesaver Awards situations in order to save a person's life.

Many of our staff go above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. However, some of their actions have a lasting impact on the lives of others.

In May, four Kansas City Community Release Center (KCCRC) staffers were honored with the Lifesaver Award. This honor is given to those staff that intervene in serious situations in order to save a person's life. The award went to four Probation and Parole Assistant I's: **Jamie Cox, Judy Post, David Reed** and **Christopher Shelton**. The four PPAI's stepped in to assist an offender housed in the temporary administrative segregation confinement area. He was attempting suicide by tying a sheet around his neck. These staff stepped in and were able to prevent the offender's suicide attempt.



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December 31, 2008

Warden Jim Moore
Northeast Correctional Center
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Bowling Green, MO 63334

Dear Warden Moore:

Your employee, Sergeant Nathan Jeffries, a member of the Missouri Army National Guard, was called to active duty to serve as a member of the Kosovo Force - 10 (KFOR-10) deployment in March. I realize the difficulty this may have placed on your organization, and I am grateful for your understanding of the significance of your employee's duty to the nation as well as the personal and family sacrifices your employee has experienced.

Our nation's Reserve Forces are serving in support of many operations such as Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Kosovo Forces, and Noble Eagle. Reserve Forces comprise a significant amount of our military capability and will likely continue to be called upon to serve alongside their Active Duty counterparts.

Your understanding of our community-based defense force is vitally important to the continued success of our Reserve Forces. Please accept my sincere thank you for your unwavering and patriotic support of Sergeant Jeffries, our nation, and the Missouri National Guard.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Steve Vanderhoof, Program Support Specialist for the Missouri Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. You may reach him at 573-638-9500, Ext. 7730 or toll free at 888-526-6664, Ext. 7730.

Sincerely,

King E. Sidwell
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Major General, Missouri National Guard
The Adjutant General

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May 28, 2009

CTCC
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Fulton, MO 65251

Dear CTCC,

On behalf of the Callaway Action Network and SERVE, Inc., thank you for your recent donation of over 143.2 lbs. of food given on May 7, 2009 in support of our food pantry! The SERVE food pantry has assisted an average of 1,971 Callaway residents per month with food for 2008. Without private support like yours, we could not provide the quality of services that we do for individuals and families throughout Callaway County.

Please know that the support you give does make a difference. By helping SERVE, you are helping us serve people in their most desperate time of need.

Again, thank you for thinking of SERVE and for contributing to our mission to serve others.

Sincerely,

Julie
Julie Roark
CAN Director
SERVE, Inc.



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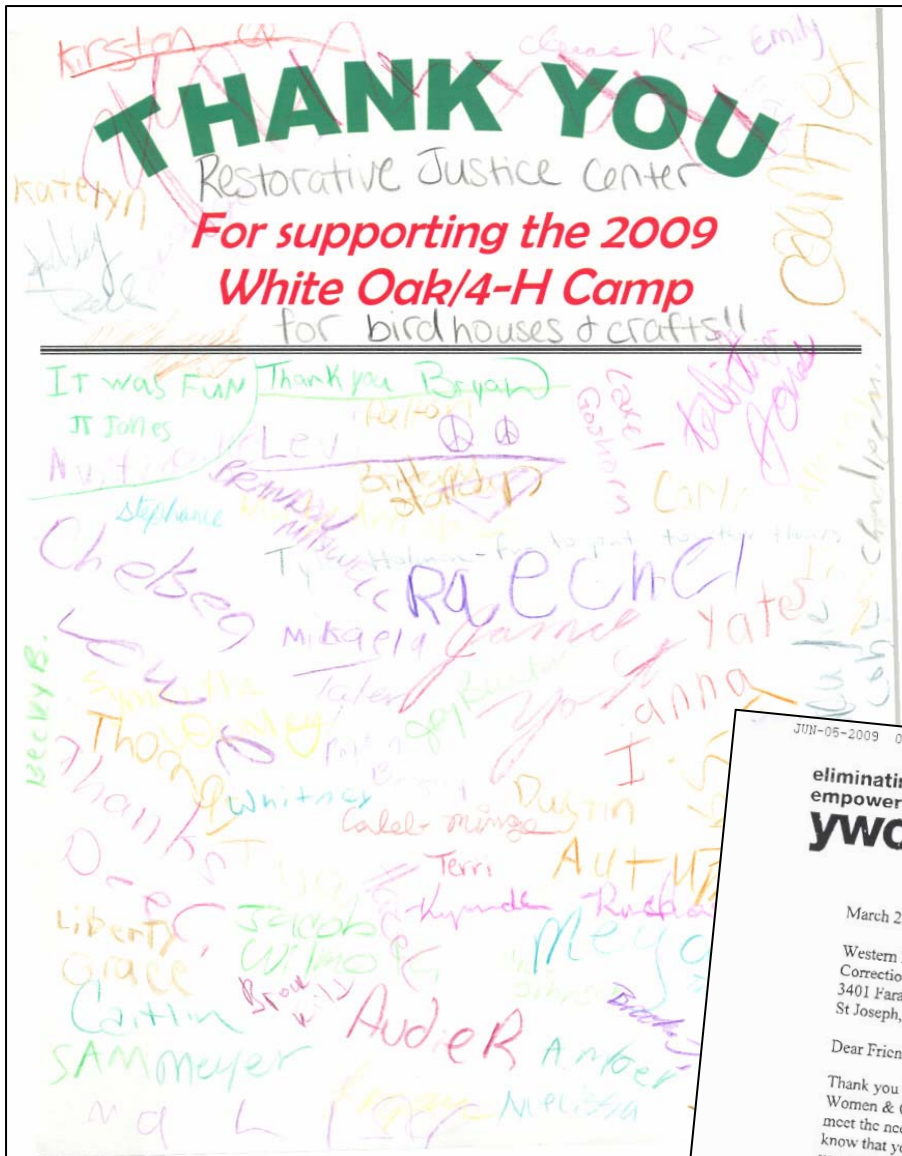
To the entire Reception Room Staff, 3-2-09

On behalf of Erin, Rachel, and myself, let me express our thanks for your hospitality and caring spirit over these last 3 1/2 years.

We always felt welcomed and cared about when we came to visit Jeff. We appreciate your concern for him (during last year's illness) and his mother (her stroke last fall).

His transition to a new facility is going well. You never know where life will take you, but we are all trusting and praying for a good outcome for all of us. Thanks again - we will miss seeing you!

Sincerely,
Katelyn Campbell



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent contribution to the YWCA Shelter for Abused and Homeless Women & Children. Without your financial donation of \$500.00, we would not be able to meet the needs of women and children in crisis, as we have done for the past 120 years. We know that you have worked hard for every dollar you donated, and want you to know that we stretch every dollar we are given to meet the needs of as many women and children as possible.

The YWCA is committed to empowering women. When a woman leaves the shelter she has the knowledge of resources available to her so she can make the right decisions, for herself and her children, to hopefully break the cycle of domestic violence. Our goal is to help these women not to just be a survivor but to become a thriving part of our community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and clients, thank you again for your generous donation and for being a part of the 120 year legacy of the YWCA St. Joseph.


Sincerely
Jean G. Brown
Jean G. Brown
Executive Director

*Thanks so much for
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The 2009 legislative session concluded in May with the new laws taking effect August 28, 2009. Below is a brief summary of departmental legislation and other crime legislation that passed during the 2009 legislative session.

DOC Bills That Passed:

HB 747 – Sexual Contact with a Prisoner *(Signed by the Governor)*

This bill clarifies the crime of sexual contact with a prisoner/offender. This language clarifies that the law is intended for prison employees who have sexual relations with a prisoner or a probation/parole officer who has sexual relations with an offender on his/her caseload.

CCS SS SCS HCS HB 62 – Crime Bill *(Signed by the Governor)*

This bill is an omnibus crime bill however; this summary includes only the two provisions within the crime bill that the Department proposed. The two areas of the crime bill that contain DOC proposals are below: *(NOTE: The detainer law [217.450 & 217.460] was also passed in **HB 481** – the omnibus judiciary bill).*

- Specifies that a detainer will not be lodged against any person confined in a correctional facility until the Director of the Department of Corrections receives a certified copy of a warrant and a written request by the issuing agency to place the detainer *(Sections 217.450 and 217.460).*
- Requires the Governor to designate one member of the Board of Probation and Parole as the vice-chairman *(Section 217.665).*

Other Crime Legislation That Was Passed:

CCS SS SCS HCS HB 62 – Crime Bill *(Signed by the Governor)*

- Upon a victim's request, a photograph will be taken of an incarcerated individual prior to release and made available to the victim.
- Expands the crime of assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer in the first, second, and third degrees to **include a corrections officer.**

SS HCS HB 152 – DNA Collection at Arrest *(Signed by the Governor)*

This bill expands the DNA profiling system by requiring any person 17 years of age or older who is arrested for first degree burglary, second degree burglary, or a felony under Chapter 565, 566, 567, 568, or 573, RSMo, to provide a biological sample upon booking for the purpose of DNA profiling analysis. Within 90 days of warrant refusal, the arresting agency must notify the State Highway Patrol crime laboratory which must expunge all the DNA records and destroy the sample unless the patrol determines that the person is otherwise obligated to submit a sample.

HCS SCS SB 36 & 112 – Forcible Sexual Offenses Against Children *(Signed by the Governor)*

This bill specifies that when the victim of forcible rape or sodomy is younger than 12 years of age and the offense was outrageously or wantonly vile or horrible, in that it involved torture or depravity of mind, the penalty will be life imprisonment without eligibility for probation, parole, or conditional release. Currently, the penalty for these crimes is a term of imprisonment with no eligibility for probation or parole until the offender has served at least 30 years.

SCS SB 140 – Criminal Nonsupport *(Signed by the Governor)*

This bill allows criminal nonsupport courts to be established by any circuit court to provide an alternative for the criminal disposal of criminal nonsupport cases. The court must combine judicial supervision, substance abuse treatment, education, vocational or employment training, work programs, and support payment plans for the participant. Charges and penalties may be reduced or modified based upon the successful completion of the program or support payment plan.

The penalty for criminal nonsupport will be a class A misdemeanor unless the total arrearage is in excess of the total of 12 monthly payments in which case it will be a class D felony. Individuals on probation and parole for criminal nonsupport may be ordered to make child support payments or have their probation or parole revoked and an appropriate sentence imposed. The affirmative defense of inability to provide support for good cause must be proven by a preponderance of the evidence.

Message from the Editor

The public information staff recognizes it has been nearly a year since the last edition of the Horizon. We apologize for the wait. Nevertheless, the gap in time has highlighted a need for change. In response to that, we have decided to make the Horizon a monthly, electronic publication. The Horizon is an important communication tool for the department and now we will be able to provide timelier, in-depth coverage of department news, staff achievements and issues affecting corrections at a national level. You will see some new articles featuring staff and programs. Per Director Lombardi's request I will be traveling around the state, visiting our facilities and shadowing various jobs in the department. We want to show the ins-and-outs of each position and highlight the hard work you do each day. This publication belongs to you, our DOC staff, and I invite you to share your ideas with me. Please feel free to contact me at Jacqueline.Lapine@doc.mo.gov.

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